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Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is any expenditure being incurred for research work for the discovery of more attractive designs of saris and improved methods in the working of handloom."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The question of having more attractive and captivating designs is also under the examination of Government."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any proposals before them to spend money for Malabar for constructing sizing institute, dyeing institute and calendering mill in view of the peculiar conditions in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the peculiar conditions of Malabar and there are proposals for starting industrial co-operatives regarding two factories. Regarding the other proposals, I am not aware that any proposals are now before the Government."

Sri V. R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether any amount is spent for pit-loom weavers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Mental Hospital, Madras

* 893 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any corrupt practices in regard to the articles intended for the patients in the Mental Hospital at Madras have been reported to Government;

(*b*) if so, what they are; and

(*c*) the action taken to prevent such corrupt practices?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Sale of rice to the Central Government

* 894 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rate per maund at which the Government bought rice prior to October 1954; and

(*b*) the rate per maund at which the Government sold rice to the Central Government in October 1954?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The average prices at which stocks of rice allotted to this State under the Basic Plan were purchased from Orissa, Andhra, Uttar Pradesh and Coorg States during 1954 are as follows :—

(1) Orissa State—Rice—Rs. 18–3–10 per maund including cost of gunnies.

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(2) Orissa State—Paddy—Rs. 11–1–0 per maund including cost of gunnies.

(3) Andhra State—Rice—Rs. 16–1–3 per maund including cost of gunnies.

(4) Uttar Pradesh—Rice—Rs. 22–12–3 per maund including cost of gunnies.

(5) Coorg—Rice—Rs. 16–15–4 per maund including cost of gunnies.

" (b) Out of a total quantity of 110,000 tons of rice earmarked for surrender to the Government of India, a quantity of only 1,841 tons has been actually taken over by the Government of India up to the end of October 1954. The question of the price which the Government of India will have to pay for the stocks taken over by them is under correspondence with the Government of India."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" எற்கெனவே இரண்டு வருஷங்களாக பல கோடவுன்களில் அரிசி எராளமாக தேங்கிக் கிடக்கிறது. அவை உளுத்துப்போகும் நிலையில் இருக்கக்கூடியதாக இருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது விலைவாசி இறங்கிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படி இறக்கமாக இருக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமையில் வெளியில் விற்கப்போகிறார்களா ? அப்படி விற்றால் சர்க்கார் என்ன விலைக்கு விற்பார்கள், குறைவான விலைக்கு விற்கப்போகிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" நான் இரண்டு நாட்களுக்கு முன்புதான் விவரங்களை அளித்தேன். லட்சத்தி ஐம்பதாயிரம் டன் அரிசியை மத்திய அரசாங்கம் மீண்டும் எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டது. 50 ஆயிரம் டன்களை எற்கெனவே எடுத்துக்கொண்டு விட்டார்கள். பாக்கி இருக்கும் சரக்கை டெண்டர்கள் மூலமாக விற்பதற்கு ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகின்றன என்பதை முன்பே தெரிவித்திருக்கிறேன்."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, is it a fact that most of the rice which have been sent to us are not of good quality? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot have a post-mortem examination and tell the hon. Member whether it was good or bad. But now some of the stock, on account of their having been kept for long, might have deteriorated."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know whether there is any profit or loss to our State in this transaction? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I cannot say that now. Because, as I have already said in my answer, the matter of settling the price for rice that has to be taken back by the Government of India is under discussion between this State and the Government of India. I may tell the hon. Member that there was one transaction of the sale of rice in Malabar district and there was a loss to the extent of Rs. 27 lakhs and that has been completely borne by the Government of India."

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Sri N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR :—" Does the Central Government taking over the stock from this Government depend on the fixing of price and is delivery delayed on that account? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Not at all so. The Government of India have been taking all this rice. The price only has to be fixed by negotiation."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" ஏற்கெனவே நான் கேட்டதற்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லவில்லை. இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய அரிசி காண்ட்ராக்ட்டுக்குக் கொடுத்திருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார். இனிமேல் விற்கக் கூடிய அரிசியின் விலை குறைவாக இருக்குமா அல்லது நமக்கு நஷ்ட மாகாமல் விற்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" விற்கிற விலை, மார்க்கெட் விலை, அரிசியின் தரம் முதலியவைகளைப் பார்த்துத்தான் விலையை நிர்ணயம் செய்யவேண்டும். நஷ்டம் வருமா வராதா என்பது இந்த சர்க்காரும் மத்திய சர்க்காரும் சேர்ந்து விலையை நிர்ணயம் செய்து முடிவு செய்வதைப் பொறுத்திருக்கிறது."

Revision of the pay of Sub-Registrars

* 895 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal from the Inspector-General of Registration for revising the pay scales of Sub-Registrars on a par with the Tahsildars; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. The Inspector-General of Registration has submitted certain other proposals for improvement of service conditions of Sub-Registrars. They are under consideration of the Government."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, what are the other proposals likely to serve the improvement of conditions of, the Sub-Registrars? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Creation of some Gazetted posts designated as 'Joint Registrars' and the enhancement of the proportion of the first-grade Sub-Registrars."

Sri V. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, as most of the Sub-Registrars have no chance of being promoted as District Registrars during their service, may I request the Government to increase their pay scales? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is being examined by the Government."